GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5563
ANSWERED ON:29.08.2001
SUPPLIERS OF TUBE LIGHTS AND BULBS
RAMJI MANJHI

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in order to have competitive prices, limited tenders were invited from the already registered suppliers by the Kendriya Bhandar;

(b) whether a limited tender was invited from amongst the already registered suppliers of electrical tube lights and bulbs to be opened at 3 p.m. on 22.6.2001;

(c) whether the said tender was not opened at the appointed time and date;

(d) if so, the reasons thereof and what are the orders issued by the concerned department in this regard and were the suppliers informed in advance of the reasons for not opening the tender, if not why;

(e) whether it is also a fact that in order to consider the proposal for registration of a new supplier, the opening of the tender was delayed; and

(f) if so, the action Government propose to take in the matter for violating the provisions of the tender?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES, MINISTER STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS WE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE II DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE. (SMT.VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): The opening date for the tender was fixed on 22.6.2001. Prior to the date of opening of tenders it came to the notice of the Kendriya Bhandar that DGS&D recently concluded a tender in which the prices were lower than that the approved rates of some of the suppliers of Kendriya Bhandar. Hence, with a view to generate more competition, it was decided to allow more reputed brands to compete and accordingly the opening date of tender was extended to 9.7.2001. The suppliers were intimated regarding the postponement, and opening of the tender on 9.7.2001. The postponement is permissible under the Rules.

(e): No, Sir. The postponement was due to the reasons given in part (d) above.

(f): Does not arise.